

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Claims 3, 5 and 6 have been amended to make editorial corrections, Claim 12 has been amended to be dependent on Claim 11, and Claim 18 has been amended to delete multiple dependencies.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

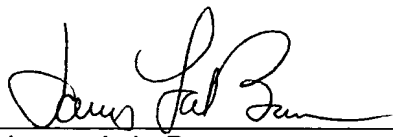
Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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